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## Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

<u>Listing of Claims:</u>

## 1-25. (Cancelled)

26. (Currently Amended) A method of making a polymeric composition comprising: dynamically vulcanizing a cross-linkable ethylene-propylene-diene rubber in a polyolefin; and then

melt blending the dynamically vulcanized <u>ethylene-propylene-diene</u> rubber in the polyolefin with a styrenic block copolymer.

- 27. (Cancelled).
- 28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 26, wherein the polyolefin includes polypropylene.
- 29. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 26, wherein the styrenic block copolymer is selected from the group consisting of a styrene-ethylene-butylene-styrene copolymer, styrene-ethylene-propylene-styrene copolymer and styrene-ethylene-ethylene-propylene-styrene copolymer.
  - 30. (New) A composition comprising:
  - a styrenic block copolymer; and
- a thermoplastic vulcanizate comprising a fully cross-linked ethylene-propylene-diene rubber in a polyolefin.
  - 31. (New) The composition of claim 30, wherein the polyolefin includes polypropylene.
- 32. (New) The composition of claim 30, wherein the styrenic block copolymer includes a styrene-ethylene-butylene-styrene copolymer.
- 33. (New) The composition of claim 30, wherein the amount of the styrenic block copolymer is at least about 5 parts per 100 parts of the thermoplastic vulcanizate.
- 34. (New) The composition of claim 33, wherein the amount of the styrenic block copolymer is between about 5 parts and 400 parts per 100 parts of the thermoplastic vulcanizate.
- 35. (New) The composition of claim 34, wherein the amount of the styrenic block copolymer is between 15 parts and 300 parts per 100 parts of the thermoplastic vulcanizate.

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36. (New) A composition of claim 30 having a hardness less than about 50 Shore A.

37. (New) A composition of claim 30 having a hardness between about 10 and 45 Shore

- 38. (New) The composition of claim 30, wherein the polymers in the composition consist essentially of the styrenic block copolymer, the fully cross-linked ethylene-propylene-diene rubber, and the polyolefin.
- 39. (New) The composition of claim 30, wherein the styrenic block copolymers include styrene-ethylene-butylene-styrene copolymer and the polyolefin includes polypropylene.